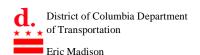
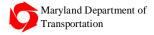
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Re: TOC Response to FTA Final Audit Report

Dear Mr. Flanigon:

The Tri-State Oversight Committee (TOC) and its member jurisdictions have reviewed the Federal Transit Administrations (FTAs) Audit of the TOC and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Final Audit Report, dated March 4, 2010. The TOC and the jurisdictional policymakers have found this audit to be an extremely useful and productive exercise, and believe that we will be able to strengthen our oversight of the WMATA Metrorail system in accordance with FTAs findings.

In response to the 11 findings directed at the TOC, we have prepared the enclosed formal written response, as well as a completed Audit Findings Tracking Matrix and supporting documentation. TOC has worked to ensure that its response to FTAcs findings is in accordance with WMATAcs own responses to FTAcs recommendations, also contained in the Final Audit Report. In addition, we are including the White Paper+which was developed and adopted by the three jurisdictions and addresses short and long term strategic policy issues for oversight of the Metrorail system. Also included in our submittal are letters from each of the three jurisdictions specifying the jurisdictions commitments to the TOC, as you requested in Finding number 1. We believe that our responses will address FTAcs findings, and ultimately help TOC and its member jurisdictions to better oversee the safety of WMATA.

We look forward to working with the FTA and WMATA to continuously improve the safety of the Metrorail system, its employees, and the riding public. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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